

December 16, 2019

To: Wendy Olsen Clancy,  
Victim Witness Coordinator  
United States Attorney's Office  
Southern District of New York  
Victim Impact Statement of [REDACTED]

Dear Your Honor,

I am a 33 year old male and I am a victim of assault and robbery by Daniel Hernandez (Tekashi69).

More than a year and a half since April 3, 2018, I am still discovering all the ways that I am suffering and continue to suffer from the attack that I survived, orchestrated by Tekashi69.

Once a thriving publicist, videographer, film editor, this violent event has set my life on the wrong course, and destroyed the normal adulthood that I was striving for.

On the day of April 3, 2020, I was hired to follow Skyy and her client on the last day of their New York excursion. I am a African America, homosexual male and originally, I was so far removed from rap, gangs and guns. In no way shape of form would I ever have expected to be anyone or in the arena of anyone targeted by Tekashi69, his minions or his antics.

Upon exiting THISIS50.com studios in Midtown, I along with Skyy, was assaulted at gunpoint by a group of masked men. I am exmilitary and seen my share of violence but never have I been so scared as the cold, hard metallic gun was pressed against my abdomen. As much as I want to say how fast it happened, I cannot because in that moment, my life flashed before my eyes. I was not going to be able to say goodbye to my mother... All I thought was, "What did I do to deserve this?" What was moments seemed like an eternity burning in fiery pits as I was frozen and watched my compatriots by assaulted and robbed along with me.

It was fortunate that Skyy was able to escape out of the front, past the watchful camera eye lens of Tekashi69's cellular phone. This footage was confirmed as it went viral on social media after DJ Akademik's prompt posting, along with satire-like, conjoining rhetoric about "J Prince Jr. of Rap-A-Lot Records Getting Robbed!" This was a lie as no one, not a publicist and grandmother; Skyy, not myself, or the client was associated with said record label at any capacity. It was after court proceedings persisted that it was confirmed that the entire event that nearly took me off this earth, away from those that do love me, was organized by none other than Tekashi69.

Unlike Skyy, who lives in Texas, I am a resident of New York City. I lived in Crown Heights. I became a recluse. I stopped working as a publicist, I minimized the amount of time I spent in public as I was still very scared for my life. I tried going to the police but no one would take my report. I felt I was being silenced and if that was the case, I would live silently. I would not do anything to draw extra attention to myself. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] . This was so that I could force myself to sleep in my humble home. [REDACTED] .

After the event, I refused to sleep alone. I stayed at my partner's home, to continue to stay under the radar. This provided some ease until I found out that Tekashi69 was arrested and his home was raided... Incidentally, my own apartment was up the street from the home that was raided. I was within walking distance of his very headquarters of operation. Safe to say I did not return to my apartment and would not renew my lease. Having a partner while dealing with this situation is great, but realistically, I was left displaced and I was too scared to go back into public relations for fear of being put in a similar situation with another rapper or entertainment client. To this day, I still have not been able to find an apartment alone for fear of being by myself at any time.

For a long time I practiced putting the terrible memories away in my mind. Thinking about it is still really painful. Sometimes I just go into staring spells when I am caught thinking about what happened and not paying any attention to my surroundings. Everyday of my life I live in constant fear that someone (his goons/supporters/constituents) will be sent to finish the job. It hurts me so much. I did choose to be there, but, I, like Skyy did not deserve to be attacked, endangered and then humiliated across multiple social media platforms: Instagram, YouTube and Twitter for example, where security footage and video from Tekashi69's phone has accumulated views in the millions. Along with Skyy, I myself, am there forever on camera. I felt powerless to stop it and being someone so small on the totem pole, assisting Skyy that day, I still feel powerless and am trying to pick up the pieces.

Please think about me and think about my life when you sentence this person. Why should this person, who nearly ended my life, be free when I am not free?

Humbly,  
[REDACTED]